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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Cuomo et al.

Serial No.: 09/627,518

Filed: July 28, 2000

For: Method and Apparatus for  
Affinity of Users to Application  
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Group Art Unit: 2143

Examiner: Mauro, Jr., Thomas J.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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